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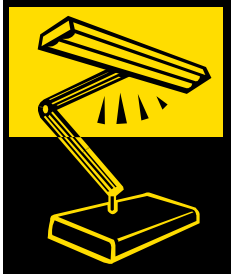
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"In the coming decades, the most important determinants of health and longevity will be the personal choices made by each individual."

- Journal of the American Medical Association



Replacing Light Sources at KSC

Employees at Kennedy Space Center are to call the KSC duty office (853-3231) to request replacement of fluorescent light tubes or any lighting source to ensure proper handling and disposal. Trained personnel will be assigned to remove and replace fluorescent lamps and ballasts in accordance with regulatory and Center policy. KSC personnel should not attempt to change lighting fixtures due to safety concerns associated with handling and proper disposal. The disposal processes for light bulbs and fluorescent tubes should be managed in accordance with KHB 8800.7 (as revised) "Hazardous Waste Management".

The NASA Environmental Program Branch supports the JBOSC Waste Management Office and does not approve of other methods of replacing lighting fixtures or having personnel who are not trained for this task and handling this type of waste generated at KSC. For more information, call Rodney Brown, TA-C3, at 867-9081.

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Briefs

Reinforced bar impales man

EDGEWATER — The owner and operator of a construction company in Edgewater lost his balance Friday on a homeowner's roof while trying to avoid some bees and was impaled on a bar of reinforcing steel, according to Local 6 News.

Witnesses said Joe Hearst, 48, attempted to avoid the bees and fell backwards about 10 feet onto the reinforcing bar, Local 6 News reporter Tarik Minor reported.

The bar apparently went through Hearst's abdomen.

The man was transported to a local hospital but his condition was not known.

Recent Mishaps

During the last three months, several employees were injured while performing lifting or pushing/pulling operations.

- Several employees experienced back or shoulder sprains. Examples include incidents where employees were lifting an air conditioner compressor onto a shelf, or removing boxes out of the trunk of a vehicle, mixing concrete with a shovel, and finishing concrete. To reduce back or shoulder sprains, employees should **always follow proper lifting techniques** regardless of what may appear to be a "light" load or in performing an operation where previously the employee experienced no problems.

Contact your organization's safety office or Alan Zoellner, 867-7554, for more information.



Do you have questions, comments, or an article you would like to submit? Contact Marguerite at 867-8520 or Alan at 867-7554, fax number 867-1120, mail code TA-C1 or e-mail them at "Safety on the Line" found in your global address list. Safety on the Line is also on the Web at <http://sotl.ksc.nasa.gov>.

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